

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on September 15, 2005 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Bob Gates
Ginna Reyes
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Collins
Bob Fuselier
Tom Ricotta

Members present represent a quorum.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Miller
Reggie Angquico
Steve Cummings
Dan Thompson

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck Collins motioned that the minutes for the month of August 2005 be approved, Ginna Reyes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with Ramona Finnila and Howard Williams abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE – T. Hutter

Tim Hutter and Ginna Reyes will work on developing guidelines for committee member input regarding correspondence and will present it at the October 20, 2005 meeting where it will be a motion item.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Bob Fuselier distributed the final draft of the Fly Friendly Program's community presentation. This draft will be merged with a PowerPoint presentation. The Fly Friendly Program committee's goal is to have at least a shortened version of the presentation at the next PAAC meeting. They plan to make their presentation to two to three home owners associations per month along with other groups that may be interested. Anyone knowing of a group interested in seeing the presentation should contact a member of their committee or a PAAC member. Gail Carroll and Maureen Kube are revising a letter that will be sent out in November with plans to send out as many letters as possible by the first of the year. The letter will serve as an information document about the program, to heighten awareness about upcoming presentations in the recipients' area. It will give information from the presentation in case the recipients are unable to attend.

PART 150 UPDATE BY URS – S. Miller

The noise compatibility plan is scheduled to be brought before the committee during the October 20th meeting. The consultant is still incorporating the changes and FAA comments. The draft is due to the County in late September or early October. As soon as the County receives the report they will give copies to the PAAC Members.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – S. Cummings

For August, 2005, the monthly operations count was 17,882. The annual operations are up to 141,728. The number of monthly air carrier enplanements is 4,474, lower than this time last year. The annual enplanements are 32,245. The local traffic breakdown was 6,431 while the transient was 11,450. The monthly air carrier passenger report showed that the revenue up was 3,842 and revenue in was 3,675. Non-revenue out was 632 and non-revenue in was 579. Our IVR and VFR traffic breakdown was 4,961 IVR aircraft and 12,291 VFR aircraft. The monthly concerns are up to 261, bringing the annual concerns to 1,077. The ratio of calls per operation was 261 noise complaints for 17,882 operations, which is one complaint for every 69 operations. There were 151 calls from the southwest, five from Vista, two from San Marcos, one from Oceanside, one from Valley Center and one from Fallbrook. There were 36 single callers. There were 57 complaints regarding prop planes, 187 jet complaints, and 17 helicopter complaints. There were 31 complaints about noise, 120 regarding VNAP issues, 59 were about low planes and 51 were regarding over flights. There were 40 noise complaints between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., 79 between 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and 142 between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. At the committee's request, Mr. Cummings will analyze the high number of complaints

between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., a time when air traffic is at its lowest. Ms. Reyes asked about the call from Valley Center. Mr. Cummings explained that his research on the call showed that a plane, which was flying into Palomar, was flying over 2,000 feet above the caller's house, indicating that it was a noise factor. There were no other calls generated about the incident.

STAFF REPORT – S. Miller

Dan Thompson is the new Administrative Secretary for Palomar Airport. He will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and will be attending the PAAC Meetings.

The north side ramp project is progressing and is now fully funded. The project is scheduled to start on November 25th. The stormwater project will be done before the north side ramp project because the retaining basin needs to be covered and the ramp is going to be over the retaining basin. These projects are not being done by the same contractor or the same grant although they are in the same area. The project manager is Michael Khoury, an engineer with the Department of Public Works. The Stormwater project manager is Sid Tesoro.

Willie Vazquez is coming back as the McClellan-Palomar Airport Manager. He is being transferred from the Ramona Airport. Through September he will be at Palomar Airport two days a week, in October he'll be there three days a week and at some point in November will be at Palomar Airport full time. Mr. Hutter asked about the process undertaken to fill the Airport Manager's position. Ms. Miller said the decision was Mr. Drinkwater's and that he has the ability to transfer airport managers and staff between the airports, with advance notice. Mr. Drinkwater will probably be at the meeting in October and would be available for questions at that time.

There is a new policy regarding gate cards. Due to the County's accounting system the gate card fees will no longer be refundable. There will now be a one-time non-refundable \$10.00 fee for gate cards. Anyone returning a currently held gate card can get their ten dollars back. Otherwise, as soon letters explaining the new policy go out, the gate card fee will be non-refundable. The method of issue and renewal will operate the same way as in the past. Cards will be renewed in the same manner. If the cards aren't updated or if the holder abuses their privilege the card can be canceled.

The FAA requested that Airport staff develop minimum standards for commercial services on airports rules and regulations and policies and procedures. The Airport staff has gone through a couple of drafts. They now have a draft for the PAAC members to review, comment upon and return to the County with their input. The documents will be sent to County Counsel and then on to the FAA for final review.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Mr. Drinkwater's absence there was no Director's Report. Ms. Miller reported on the north side ramp projects and the filling of the Airport Manager position on his behalf.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Finnila announced that America West is merging with U.S. Airways. According to Ms. Finnila there should be no changes to their current service at Palomar Airport. The airline will be flying under the name of U.S. Air. Because of the merger, the airline may be changing logos in the near future.

Mr. Hutter asked if the minutes and agenda could be available prior to the meeting. Ms. Miller apologized and said that the minutes and agenda would be available in a timely fashion. Reggie Angquico said that the minutes were posted on line. Ms. Finnila said that she had retrieved both the minutes and agenda from the computer. Ms. Reyes responded that the minutes are usually e-mailed to the PAAC members. Mr. Angquico explained that when preparing the agenda for the Gillespie Field Advisory Committee he e-mails the members to let them know the agenda is available online. According to the Brown Act, the agenda should be available online 72 hours prior to the meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 20, 2005

Ms. Finnila announced that the next meeting would be held on October 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. No specific agenda items were mentioned.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

By _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I